

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Public Servants – Panchayat Raj Department – Allegations of substandard execution of works and claiming of bogus bills in Engineering wing of South Zone and Rajendranagar Circle of GHMC, Hyderabad against Sri S.D. Koteswara Rao, Assistant Engineer, Panchayat Raj of Zone-I, working at PR Circle, Srikakulam and on OD in the O/o Engineer-in-Chief (PR), Hyderabad – Disciplinary proceedings under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Article of charges – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 251

Dated:10.02.2014

ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri S.D. Koteswara Rao, Assistant Engineer, Panchayat Raj of Zone-I, working at PR Circle, Srikakulam and on OD in the O/o Engineer-in-Chief (PR), Hyderabad, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charges (Annexure-I). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom, the article of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-II and III).

3. Sri S.D. Koteswara Rao, Assistant Engineer, Panchayat Raj of Zone-I, working at PR Circle, Srikakulam and OD in the O/o Engineer-in-Chief (PR), Hyderabad, is directed to submit within ten (10) days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Sri S.D. Koteswara Rao, Assistant Engineer, Panchayat Raj of Zone-I, working at PR Circle, Srikakulam and on OD in the O/o Engineer-in-Chief (PR), Hyderabad, is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of article of those charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri S.D. Koteswara Rao, Assistant Engineer, Panchayat Raj of Zone-I, working at PR Circle, Srikakulam and on OD in the O/o Engineer-in-Chief (PR), Hyderabad, is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the period specified in Para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders / directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.

6. Sri S.D. Koteswara Rao, Assistant Engineer, Panchayat Raj of Zone-I, working at PR Circle, Srikakulam and on OD in the O/o Engineer-in-Chief (PR), Hyderabad, is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed, Sri S.D. Koteswara Rao, Assistant Engineer, Panchayat Raj of Zone-I, working at PR Circle, Srikakulam and OD in the O/o Engineer-in-Chief (PR), Hyderabad, is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule-24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

..p.t.o..

7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

V. NAGI REDDY
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (PR)

To
Sri S.D. Koteswara Rao, Assistant Engineer, Panchayat Raj of Zone-I,
working at PR Circle, Srikakulam and OD in the
O/o Engineer-in-Chief (PR), Hyderabad **through**
the Engineer-in-Chief, PR., Hyderabad.
The Engineer-in-Chief, PR., Hyderabad.
(in duplicate with a request to serve and return the
dated acknowledgement copy)

Copy to:

The General Administration (V&E) Department.
The Secretary to VC, APVC, Hyderabad.
The PR&RD (Estt.II) Department.
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// FORWARDED :BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE-I

(Annexure to G.O.Rt.No. 251, PR&RD (Vig.I) Dept., dt.10.02.2014)

STATEMENT SHOWING THE DRAFT ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI S.D. KOTESWARA RAO, ASSISTANT ENGINEER, PANCHAYAT RAJ, FORMERLY ASSISTANT ENGINEER, DIVISION NO.II (SOUTH ZONE), GHMC, HYDERABAD ON OD BASIS, NOW WORKING AS AE, PR CIRCLE, SRIKAKULAM AND ON OD IN O/O ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF (PR), HYDERABAD.

Charge-I:

That Sri S.D. Koteswara Rao, former Assistant Engineer, Division No.II (South Zone) GHMC, Hyderabad on OD basis, now working as AE, PR Circle, Srikakulam and on OD in O/o Engineer-in-Chief (PR) Hyderabad, during his tenure as Assistant Engineer, Division No.II (South Zone) GHMC, Hyderabad recorded fraudulent measurements of S.S. flooring resulting into excess measurements and excess payment of Rs.2,63,797/- in contravening the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules , 1964.

Basis:

The V&E officials selected 19 works at random and furnished Report No.107 (782/V&E/E1/2010), dt:26.09.2013 and observed the following points.

- (a) Physical measurements verified at site tallied with the recorded measurements for all the works except the following works.
 - (i) Sl.No.6.. Laying SS Flooring with Tandur blue 50.80mm thick, removal and re-fixing of SS Flooring with tandur blue 50.80mm thick, S/S of Gravel and spreading of gravel at Matha Temple Vattepally-II division taken up by Division-II of GHMC.
 - (ii) Sl.No.17-Laying SS Flooring at Matha Temple Vattepally.
 - (iii) Sl.No.18—Leveling and carting of debris at Matha Temple Vattepally in Jahanuma Division.
 - (iv) Sl.No.19- LEveling and carting of debris at Matha Temple Vattepally.
- (b) The above (4) works are similar nature of works (SS flooring) were sanctioned in the same premises of Matha (Venkateshwara Swamy) Temple, Vattepally. The total quantity of new SS flooring recorded in all the four works is 978.62 Sqm against which 358.36 Sqm quantity of SS flooring observed. The excess quantity recorded is works out to 620.26 Sqm and excess payment is works out to Rs.2,63,797/-. It is observed that without executing the two works from the sanctioned four works, the field engineers and contractors claimed the bogus bills.
- (c) The Quality Control officials of GHMC colluded with the field engineers and contractors and certified the above four works in which two works are not executed.
- (d) All the verified works of South Zone are executed and completed without obtaining insurance and also all the EEs are concluding the agreement without insisting the insurance.

Hence, the charge.

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ANNEXURE-II

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LIST OF THE DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES IS PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED AGAINST SRI S.D. KOTESWARA RAO, ASSISTANT ENGINEER, PANCHAYAT RAJ, FORMERLY ASSISTANT ENGINEER, DIVISION NO.II (SOUTH ZONE), GHMC, HYDERABAD ON OD BASIS, NOW WORKING AS AE, PR CIRCLE, SRIKAKULAM AND ON OD IN O/O ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF (PR), HYDERABAD.

1. Vigilance Report No.107 (782/V&E/E1/2010), dt:26.09.2013 of General Administration (V&E) Department.

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ANNEXURE-III

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LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES IS PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED AGAINST SRI S.D. KOTESWARA RAO, ASSISTANT ENGINEER, PANCHAYAT RAJ, FORMERLY ASSISTANT ENGINEER, DIVISION NO.II (SOUTH ZONE), GHMC, HYDERABAD ON OD BASIS, NOW WORKING AS AE, PR CIRCLE, SRIKAKULAM AND ON OD IN O/O ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF (PR), HYDERABAD.

- NIL -

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